


**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute claims 1-15 with the following:

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1. (Original) A method for remote inter-language method calling comprising:  
issuing a method call using a first protocol;  
translating said method call from said first protocol to an intermediary protocol; and  
translating said method call from said intermediary protocol to a second protocol.
  2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said first step of translating comprises:  
calling a proxy object.
  3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said first protocol is selected from the  
group of Java, XPCOM and UNO.
  4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said intermediary protocol is \*Connect.
  5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said second protocol is selected from  
the group of Java, XPCOM and UNO.
  6. (Original) A remote inter-language method calling system comprising:  
a method calling unit configured to issue a method call using a first protocol;  
a first translator configured to translate said method call from said first protocol to an  
intermediary protocol; and  
a second translator configured to translate said method call from said intermediary  
protocol to a second protocol.
  7. (Original) The remote inter-language method calling system of claim 6 wherein  
said first translator comprises:

a proxy object.

8. (Original) The remote inter-language method calling system of claim 6 wherein said first protocol is selected from the group of Java, XPCOM and UNO.

9. (Original) The remote inter-language method calling system of claim 6 wherein said intermediary protocol is \*Connect.

10. (Original) The remote inter-language method calling system of claim 6 wherein said second protocol is selected from the group of Java, XPCOM and UNO.

11. (Original) A computer program product comprising:

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O a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein configured for remote inter-language method calling, comprising:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to issue a method call using a first protocol;

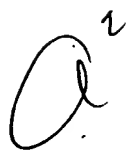
computer readable code configured to cause a computer to translate said method call from said first protocol to an intermediary protocol; and

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to translate said method call from said intermediary protocol to a second protocol.

12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 6 wherein said computer readable code configured to cause a computer to translate said method call from said first protocol comprises:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to call a proxy object.

13. (Original) The computer program product of claim 6 wherein said first protocol is selected from the group of Java, XPCOM and UNO.

 14. (Original) The computer program product of claim 6 wherein said intermediary protocol is \*Connect.

15. (Original) The computer program product of claim 6 wherein said second protocol is selected from the group of Java, XPCOM and UNO.

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